

Minutes – Steering Committee April 11, 2005

The April Steering committee meeting was held at the home of Dick and Mary Ellen Christopher on April 11, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President, Dave Megin – KA1VJU. Present were:

Cliff – N1RCQ, Mark – W1DDI, Ed – N1EO, Greg – W1IP, Jack – WA1ZDV, Dick – N1LT, Tony – AC4SD, Bob – KB1JCL, Lee – KB1GNI and Doug – K2ITX.

Dave reviewed the distribution procedure for the Communicator. He will put a notice on the envelope of the next mailing to remind members that receiving the newsletter by email would save money for the club. It was also agreed that the secretary should keep 6 months worth of Communicators and send the other back issues to the club historian, Shirley – KB1LEN.

Cliff reported on activities of the nominating committee. He still has no volunteer for the position of secretary. Doug said he could serve until the end of August. Dave as president can appoint a secretary until the office has been filled by membership election.

The treasurer's report (submitted by Cliff) shows \$1,569 in the checking account. Cliff noted that small expenses need to be controlled.

Doug announced that renewal memberships are coming in and that total membership for last year was down by about 15 members.

Jack announced that the May membership meeting will be a trip to

911 headquarters on Parade Road in Laconia. The June meeting will center on Field Day preparations. Doug will arrange for the tent from Tents-R-US – same size as last year. Membership meeting for August will be the annual picnic. Jack will check on availability of the Gilford School for our other summer meetings.

Lee will put together the Communicator for May. He already has some articles for that issue.

Dick reported a small number of students for the license classes being held at the Laconia High School. A VE exam will be held during the week of April 10. The Walk America event will be on May 1. The club will help monitor the event. Help is needed – 9 to 12 AM.

Dave reported that Echolink was used for a recent ARES meeting with good results. The Red team needs another member.

Greg suggested we put articles in World Radio, Meredith Village Savings Bank web page and the Daily Sun regarding club activities.

The club van committee will meet in the near future at Doug's house to renew activity on that subject.

Mark announced that the both 2-meter repeaters are now linked together. He will ask Pete (N1DYL) to help tune up the 39 machine. Discussion followed on when to make Echolink available on the 2-meter repeater. Mark needs a 2-meter transceiver that will reset itself in the event of a power failure. Next question is where to install that rig to work with Echolink. Mark also wants to get a high

speed (cable) connection to improve Echolink operation. He will set up a 3-month trial, sharing the cost with his brother-in-law. This was approved by the committee.

Bob announced that the cans have been cut for the 6-meter repeater – the rods have yet to be cut. Bob still has one 6-meter Ranger for sale from the original group that the club bought.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at Doug's house on May 9th.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Mertz,
Secretary